NOTICE OF OPEN TENDER

Independent bids are invited for rights to ship U.S.-origin rice to the Republic of Colombia dutyfree under a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) granted by the Republic of Colombia to the United States under the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

Bids must be submitted on Thursday, June 1, 2017 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) Shipment Period: July 1 – October 12, 2017

The following quantity is available:

		Total Volume for All HTS Numbers	
	Colombian HTS Number	(metric tons, milled equivalent basis)	Colombian Duty
Rice in Husk (Hull), Except for Seed Husked (Brown) Rice Rice Semi-Milled or Milled, Whether Polished or Glazed Broken Rice	1006.1090 1006.2000 1006.3000 1006.4000))) 14,311)	Zero

The product must be imported into Colombia between July 1 and October 12, 2017.

TRQ Certificates will be awarded to the highest bidder(s). Any person or entity incorporated or domiciled, with a legal address, in the United States is eligible to bid. Bid quantities should be submitted in metric ton, milled rice equivalent using the following conversion factors: rough rice (rice in hull) = 0.71; brown rice (hulled) = 0.89; broken rice = 1. The minimum bid price is 330.00/metric ton. Bids must be submitted in dollars and cents per metric ton.

Each bidder must submit a performance security in the amount \$50,000 or the total value of the bid(s), whichever is less. Potential bidders may obtain the required bid forms and bid instructions from:

COL-RICE Administrator Economic Consulting Services, LLC 2001 L Street, N.W., Suite 1000 Washington, D.C. 20036, USA Phone: (202) 466 - 1159, Fax: (202) 466 - 9062 E-mail: <u>col-rice@economic-consulting.com</u> Web: <u>https://www.col-rice.org</u>

Bids may be submitted electronically at <u>https://www.col-rice.org</u>, by e-mail at <u>col-rice@economic-consulting.com</u>, by fax to (202) 466-9062, or by hand delivery to the COL-RICE Administrator at the address listed above. Submission of a bid constitutes acceptance of all bid instructions and conditions.